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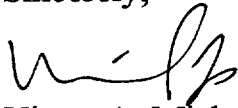
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Minatare, Nebraska.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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 Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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 Table of Allotments)
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 FM Broadcast Stations)
)
 (Minatare, Nebraska)

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 295A (106.9 Mhz) to Minatare, Nebraska as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 295A (106.9 Mhz) to Minatare and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 295A to Minatare will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Minatare is located in Northwest Nebraska. It is also located within Scottsbluff County, a county of some 36,025 persons. Minatare has a population of 807 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 295A to Minatare will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Minatare is located at Gering, Nebraska. Gering is located 14 kilometers from Minatare.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Minatare is presently without local FM service.

4. Minatare would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 14 Kilometers of Minatare. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Minatare area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 295A can be allotted to Minatare and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Minatare, Nebraska	-----	295A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 295A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 295A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 41 - 48' - 30", W. 103 - 29' - 54") are that of a site located within the community of Minatare. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 295A to Minatare. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Minatare. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Minatare would benefit from the allotment of channel 295A. It has also been shown that channel 295A can be allotted to Minatare and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 295A for Minatare, Nebraska , 73.202.

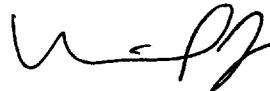
8. Should channel 295A be allotted to Minatare, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Minatare, Nebraska.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 4, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 295A6 (106.9 MHz), at N. 41 48 30, W. 103 29 54.

Searching Channel 295A6 (106.9 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Greeley	CO	241	C1	U	170.3	21.0	220.5°	149.3
KGLL	Greeley	CO	241	C1	L	170.3	21.0	220.5°	149.3
KGLL	Greeley	CO	241	C1	C	174.2	21.0	224.0°	153.2
ALC	Brush	CO	292	A	U	172.6	31.0	183.5°	141.6
KPRB	Brush	CO	292	A	C	177.5	31.0	185.4°	146.5
ALC	Rapid City	SD	292	C	U	253.4	95.0	4.9°	158.4
NEW	Rapid City	SD	292	C	C	240.5	95.0	3.5°	145.5
ALC	Cheyenne	WY	292	C3	V	132.2	42.0	235.6°	90.2
KLEN	Cheyenne	WY	292	A	L	132.2	31.0	235.6°	101.2
KLEN	Cheyenne	WY	292	C3	A	148.4	42.0	238.0°	106.4
KLEN	Cheyenne	WY	292	C3	A	148.4	42.0	238.0°	106.4
ALC	Ogallala	NE	293	C1	U	168.2	75.0	116.4°	93.2
KMCX	Ogallala	NE	293	C1	L	168.2	75.0	116.4°	93.2
ALC	Denver	CO	294	C	U	273.2	165.0	212.5°	108.2
KBPI	Denver	CO	294	C	L	273.2	165.0	212.5°	108.2
ALC	Casper	WY	295	C	U	253.7	226.0	294.1°	27.7
KASS	Casper	WY	295	C	C	254.0	226.0	294.1°	28.0
KASS	Casper	WY	295	C	L	253.7	226.0	294.1°	27.7
KASS	Casper	WY	295	C	L	253.7	226.0	294.1°	27.7
ALC	Brush	CO	296	C1	U	172.3	133.0	183.9°	39.3
KSIRFM	Brush	CO	296	C1	L	177.9	133.0	196.6°	44.9
K296DS	Alliance	NE	296	D	L	62.6	0.0	56.8°	62.6
ALC	Albin	WY	297	C2	U	60.0	55.0	254.8°	5.0
KKAW	Albin	WY	297	C2	C	64.4	55.0	253.7°	9.4
KKAW	Albin	WY	297	C2	C	64.4	55.0	253.7°	9.4

FIGURE 1
MINATARE, NEBRASKA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING